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Case No.

1 Call Date: 2018-06-15

2 Call Duration: 16:18

3 Call Begin: 11:42:22

4 Participants

5 RICK SINGER

6 SCOTT TREIBLY

7 GORDON CAPLAN

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11 SINGER: Put your dad on the line.

12 TREIBLY: Give em your shit, dude. Give em the razzle

dazzle, Rick.

14 SINGER: No problem.

15 TREIBLY: Alright, here we go. Gordon...Gordon, he's

16 coming, 2 seconds... Gordon?

17 CAPLAN: Yeah.

18 TREIBLY: Meet, Rick Singer, the Godfather.

19 SINGER: Is this Gordon Gecko of Wall Street?

20 CAPLAN: No, it's it's Gordon CAPLAN, how are you?

21 SINGER: I'm only kidding with you Gordon, how are you

22 doing?

23 CAPLAN: Yeah -I'm good. Uh - so, you just uh - my wife

has told me a little bit about what you guys do.

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1		Could you just, give me a little bit of	
2		background?	
3	SINGER:	Uh, background of who we are or background	nd on
4		what we can do?	
5	CAPLAN:	Uh both, please.	
6	SINGER:	Ok, so, who we are. We are a 290 million	dollar
7		company that I own of 1,000 employees acr	coss the
8		US and 280 internationally. And what we o	do is we
9		help the wealthiest families in the U.S.	get
10		their kids into school. So we have the Ga	ites',
11		the Jobs', we have every NBA owner, every	7 NFL
12		owner, we got everybody. So what we do is	s we
13		create a concierge service for all of our	
14		families to help them get into school. Ex	very
15		year there are- is a group of families,	
16		especially where I am right now in the B	ay
17		Area, Palo Alto, I just flew in. That the	ey want
18		guarantees, they want this thing done. The	ıex
19		don't want to be messing around with this	s thing.
20		And so they want in at certain schools. S	o I did
21		761 what I would call, side doors. There	is a
22		front door which means you get in on your	own.
23		The back door is through institutional	
24		advancement, which is ten times as much m	noney.

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1		And I've created this side door in. Becau	ise the)
2 ·		back door, when you go through institution	onal	
3		advancement, as you know, everybody's got	: a	
4		friend of a friend, who knows somebody wh	10 know	√S
5		somebody but there's no guarantee, they's	e just	:
6		gonna give you a second look. My families	want	a
7		guarantee. So, if you said to me 'here's	our	
8		grades, here's our scores, here's our ab	lity,	
9		and we want to go to X school' and you go	ve me	
10		one or two schools, and then I'll go after	er thos	se
11		schools and try to get a guarantee done.	So	
12		that, by the time, the summer of her sen	ior	
13		year, before her senior year, hopefully	we can	
14		have this thing done, so that in the fal	1,	
15		before December 15th, you already knows s	she's	
16		in. Done. And you make a financial commit	ment.	
17		It depends on what school you want, may		
18		determine how much that actually is. Um	- but	
19		that's kind of how the the side and back	door	
20		work. So like give me, give me an example	e of a	
21		school that you think that you want your		
22		daughter at?		
23 C	APLAN:	Ok so I - uh - I went to Cornell. Uh, I'v	<i>т</i> е	
24		already given about three quarters of a r	million	1

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1		dollars there.	
2	SINGER:	OK.	
3	CAPLAN:	Um - she's about 150th or 170th top college	е
4		recruit for - for tennis. And she- she - u	uh - is
5		not a terrific student. Her grades, uh,	
6		particularly in -	
7	SINGER:	I know she's got a D and C. I already know	v that.
8		And she's gotta fix them.	
9	CAPLAN:	Uh, and she's been testing very badly. Um.	. She
10		does well in English and she does ah reaso	onably
11		well in math.	
12	SINGER:	Ok, so- so Gordon, let's let's be frank. H	Right?
13		First of all, your 750 is diddly dink in t	the
14		world. Like I have the Pritzker	
15		family, they've given 50 million to Cornel	11.
16		tight? And I have all the Pritzkers). They	y they
17		they only get one guarantee a year, and the	ney ask
18		for 5 or 6 a year. Okay? So here's the fin	rst
19		thing we need to do. And I think I mention	ned
20		this to your wife. We need to get your day	ıghter
21		tested for a learning difference. Here's v	why. If
22		she gets tested for a learning difference,	, and
23		let's say it's my person that does it or w	whoever
24		you want to do it, I need that person to o	get her

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1	100% extended time over multiple days. So what
2	that means is we'll have to show that there's
3	some discrepancies in her learning, which
4	there's gotta be anyways. And if she gets 100%,
5	Gordon, then, I own two two schools. I can have
6	her test at one of my schools, and I can
7	guarantee her a score. If it's ACT I can
8	guarantee her a score in the in the 30s. And if
9	it's the SAT I can guarantee her a score in the
10	1400s. Now, all of a sudden, her test score
11	does not become an issue with all the colleges.
12	Because she's strong enough. Then if we clean
13	up her transcript, then her ability with her
14	athletic ability, and her testing and her
15	getting better at school, it's much easier to
16	get her into school because you're not fighting
17	huge obstacles at the types of schools you're
18	talking about. Now, if we do that, there's a
19	financial consideration that you have to pay to
20	the school to get it done, because this is
21	absolutely unheard of, to make this happen. I
22	can make scores happen, and nobody on the
23	planet can get scores to happen. She won't even
24	know that it happened. It will happen as though

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1	she will think that she's really super sm	nart,	
2	and she got lucky on a test, and you got	a	
3	score now. There's lots of ways to do thi	s. I	
4	can do, I can do anything and everything,	if yo	u
5	guys are amenable to doing it.		
6 CAPLAN:	Ok, so let me let me understand the two		
7	components of that. What is the, what is	the -	
8	um - the number?		
9 SINGER:	So the number - the number -		
10 CAPLAN:	(OV) At Cornell for instance.		
11 SINGER:	Well, hold on a second. The number on the	;	
12	testing is 75,000. Okay? It's 75,000 to g	get any	
13	test scores you would like to get on the	SAT or	
14	ACT. Ok, that's-		
15 CAPLAN:	Explain to me how that works.		
16 SINGER:	I just explained it to you. You get exter	nded	
17	time, you gotta get the extended time fir	est,	
18	then you're going to fly to LA. And you'r	e goin	g
19	to be going on a fake recruiting visit. Y	ou'll/	
20	visit some schools, while you're out here	e in LA	. •
21	And then on a Saturday, which is the nati	onal	
22	test day if its ACT or SAT, she's going t	o sit	
23	down and take the test. I will have a pro	octor i	n
24	the room, that's why when you have 100% e	extende	d

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1		time, you have- you get to take it at a-	you
2		don't take it with everybody else, you ge	t to
3		take it over multiple days. And you get t	o take
4		it at a- you can take it at your school o	r
5		another school. Okay? And then this kid,	cause
6		she's taking online classes, you have to	go
7		somewhere anyway. So you come to my school	l, take
8		the test on a Saturday. She'll be in the	room
9		for 6, 6 and a half hours taking this tes	t. My
10		proctor would then um answer her question	s, and
11		by the end of the day, she would leave, a	nd my
12		proctor would make sure she would get a s	core
13		that would be equivalent to the number th	at we
14		need to get.	
15	CAPLAN:	Ok.	
16	SINGER:	That's how simple it is. She doesn't know	•
17		Nobody knows what happens. It happened, s	he
18		feels great about herself. She got a test	a
19		score and now you're actually capable for	help
20		getting into a school. Because the test s	core's
21		no longer an issue. Does that make sense?	
22	CAPLAN:	That does. Now, what is the - um - what i	s the
23		number I have to give?	
24	SINGER:	Now at Cornell? It'll depend. It'll be be	tween

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1	250, 250 and 5. Probably 250-350 to four,		
2	um, we did 4 of em last year at Cornell a	ind they	У
3	were over 5. But because she's a pretty o	looq	
4	athlete, I think I can do it for less. Bu	ıt I	
5	would need to talk to them, and I need he	er	
6	transcripts to be cleaned up, and then it	would	
7	be done. If you wanted to go somewhere el	.se - I,	,
8	I have to be frank with you - I don't kno	w if	
9	Cornell Cornell is the right place for he	r?	
10 CAPLAN:	It might not be.		
11 SINGER:	I'll tell you why. Because, it is a grade	<u> </u>	
12	deflation school. And, I don't know if it	would	
13	be the best place for her. It's not a gra	ıde	
14	inflation school, it's a grade deflation	school.	
15	Do you know what I mean by that?		
16 CAPLAN:	I, I do I went there, so yes. No, I know.		
17 SINGER:	Ok, so you worked your ass off and you're	super	
18	smart and you went Harvard or Stanford, a	nd they	Y
19	have 70 - so look at the difference, Harv	ard and	Ĺ
20	Stanford have 71% of their kids have an A	., A-	
21	average. And at Cornell, its 26%. Same ki	ds.	
22 TREIBLY:	Rick, where is a good school for her?		
23 SINGER:	I don't know the girl yet. So I need to k	now if	
24	I can talk to her and see how she's, what	she's	

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1		looking for socially. Because the social	part of
2		school and the team part of school is rea	ılly
3		important. So, I want her to feel comfort	able
4		and feel good. Right? At, at least for my	7
5		perspective, she's my daughter, that's w	hat I
6		want.	
7	TREIBLY:	Gordon, Amy, where do you see her besides	3
8		Cornell?	
9	CAPLAN:	Well I don't necessarily see her at Corne	:11,
10		it's just the school I know. UmI'd lik	æ,
11		look, she is, a a as Scott knows, a reaso	nably
12		good tennis player ah she's not top 100.	She
13		may get close to that. Uh, she's a very s	ocial
14		kid. Uh - and she is not that motivated	
15		academically, which we're trying to change	je, but
16		we've been trying to change that for year	S.
17		Uh - so I'd like her in a good academic	
18		environment surrounded by ah smart people	: that
19		she could ah benefit from. Ah I don't wan	it her
20		at a party school, I think she would like	to be
21		at a party school. But I don't want her a	ıt a
22		party school, because I think that will i	.nduce
23		in her - um - adverse consequences for he	er.
24	SINGER:	So - let me - can I just throw out a bunc	h of

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1	names of schools that are - um - really good	
2	schools but also they have, they're well	
3	rounded sports programs, she'll	
4	be busy, good kids, smart kids, hard to get	into
5	kind of deal? I'm just gonna, I'm just gonna	throw
6	out names of schools.	
7 CAPLAN:	OK.	
8 SINGER:	So we'll start at, we'll start with Duke, UV	Ά,
9	Penn, Notre Dame, Northwestern, USC, Santa	
10	Barbara, UCLA, Rice, UT, places like that. A	gain,
11	hoping that she's getting better as a player	and
12	a year from now she'll be a better player th	ıan
13	she is today? Right?	
14 CAPLAN:	Yup.	
15 SINGER:	Um but those are all really good academic pl	.aces
16	and she's not getting into any of them - on	her
17	own.	
18 CAPLAN:	Nope.	
19 SINGER:	I mean, tell me if I'm in the right realm. I	
20	don't even know if I'm talking your language	;, I
21	don't know.	
22 CAPLAN:	No, you are. You're in thethose are the t	ypes
23	of types of schools. Now, the issues with Du	ıke,
24	UVA, Notre Dame, UCLA, ah University of Texa	ıs

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1		are that they are very tough D1 tennis s	chools	
2		Uh - and - she's not likely going to be	good	
3		enough to play at a high level at those	school	s.
4		She'll be good enough to play, so those	that	
5		are in the top 30, of Division 1 schools		
6		she'll probably be able to play in the m	ext 30	
7		of Division 1 schools.		
8	SINGER:	But - but -		
9	TREIBLY:	Rick		
10	SINGER:	Yes sir, but that's a freshman, what abo	out whe	n
11		she gets a little bit older?		
12	TREIBLY:	Rick, you know, um, those like Penn mayk	e. Uhh	
13		UC Santa Barbara, Rice, uh would be the	maybes	
14		from a tennis standpoint. The rest of em	ı are	
15		gonna be - uhh - tough sledding.		
16	SINGER:	Even, Notre Dame?		
17	TREIBLY:	Notre Dame is gonna hire a really good of	coach	
18		and they're gonna do way better coming u	ıp here	:
19		soon.		
20	SINGER:	Ok.		
21	TREIBLY:	Ummm. Rick, real quick, and then, you kr	iow,	
22		like, I don't want Gordon to throw tomat	coes at	
23		me. But, what what about like the Richmo	onds,	
24		Georgetowns, Tulanes, SMU's of world. I	know	

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1		SMU and Tulane are a little social and p	party.	
2		But what about some of those tiers.		
3	SINGER:	Done deal. We can get that done easy.		
4	TREIBLY:	But what do you think? Does that fit Gor	don's	
5		criteria being around intelligent, smart	t, you	
6		know, motivated people?		
7	SINGER:	(OV) It does. It's the next level down.		
8	TREIBLY:	And - and - and - like - here's the deal	,	
9		Rick like I don't know, Gordon said to m	ne,	
10		like, last week, he goes, lookget int	0	
11		Cornell it's easy to to do well. But you	ı gotta	
12		get in. And so. But I'm also like get i	in and	
13		want you to do well. You know what I'm s	saying,	
14		like, and obviously we do want her to ha	ave	
15		somewhat of a - we know that tennis is	s not	
16		gonna be the next you know Serena Willia	ams, bu	.t
17		it's a nice, it's a nice medium for her	you	
18		know. And she's worked hard.		
19	SINGER:	I get ya. I get ya. I get ya. I get ya.	It's	
20		just, those schools are, from an academi	.C	
21		perspective they're all, and she wouldn'	t get	
22		in on her own, but they would still be o	good	
23		enough academically. She would be able t	o get	
24		many more A's than B's at those schools.		

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1	Whereas the group I just gave you, she	would b	е
2	getting many more B's than A's. It's ju	st a	
3	matter of, here's here's the way I look	at	
4	things, I look at young people today an	d I agr	ee
5	with with Gordon. If they're around rea	lly sma	rt
6	people, they're going to excel, and the	y're go	ing
7	to step up to the plate with the rest of	f the	
8	group. And they end up, it's okay to be	авА	
9	student instead of an A B student at th	e end o	f
10	the day. But you want to be around smar	t peopl	e.
11	I just need to know where you want to b	e in th	е
12	country and then we can make it happen.	This i	S
13	this is not hard stuff to do, if I can	get a	
14	score and clean up her transcript, this	could	be
15	a done deal.		
16 CAPLAN:	Ok. So, let's let's go back to the scor	e -	
17 SINGER:	But - but -		
18 CAPLAN:	Go ahead - sorry -		
19 SINGER:	Here's the problem. I'm here I just fle	w in	
20	town, and I need to make a sale on a fa	cility.	
21	I'm buying a a ten-million-dollar facil	ity rig	ht
22	now. And these guys are waiting on me.	So	
23	um - can I call can we figure out a way	to tal	k
24	later, when I maybe when I'm on my way	back to	

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1		the airport again?		
2	CAPLAN:	Sure. You want to just give me a call di	rectly	?
3		I can ah-		
4	SINGER:	Sure, could you guys just send me all yo	ur inf	ο.
5		That would great.		
6	CAPLAN:	Sure. Scott will send you my direct ah		
7		information.		
8	SINGER:	Great. And I apologize, I didn't expect	to hav	е
9		the call.		
10	CAPLAN:	No no no. Rick look I really do apprecia	te	
11		this. I come off as a little - ah um - d	irect.	
12	SINGER:	No, you can be direct because this is ab	out [U	I]
13	CAPLAN:	I'm just trying to get to the bottom of	it	
14		quickly. Look, if there's a way to get h	er, wh	at
15		we need to get her on testing. She is no	t a go	od
16		test taker, and its 75,000 dollars, and	you're	
17		telling me you can that done. Consider t	hat a	
18		done deal with us.		
19	SINGER:	I agree, totally agree. Alright, I gotta	run.	
20	TREIBLY:	Rick, I'll send you Gordon's cell.		
21	SINGER:	Ok thanks.		
22	TREIBLY:	Bye.		
23	SINGER:	All right, Bye-bye.		
24	CAPLAN:	Thanks.		

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